Heritage AAA Advisory Council
October 22nd, 2026, Meeting Minutes

Present: Karen Roe, Linda Thomsen, Pat Meier, Kendra Abel, Aron Brecht, Hai Huynh, Holly Paulsen, Elinor Levin, Jody Bridgewater, Kitty Chadima, Alma Meyer, Lee Bendull
Staff: Tim Getty, Barb Werning, Jill Sindt

Guests: Eric Weller, Quinn Peffifer

Call to Order, Introductions
Tim Getty called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Those present introduced themselves.

Acceptance of Agenda
Karen Roe motioned to accept the agenda as presented, Pat Meier second. Motion carried, 5-0.

Minutes of Previous Meeting
Kendra Abel motioned to accept the minutes as presented, Karen Roe second. Motion carried, 5-0.

Agency Report
Tim provided an update on the Advisory Council and Heritage overall:

- Caregiver Wellness Day is Wednesday, November 4th at the Linn County Regional Center. Registration is currently open and can be completed either online or by calling Heritage. There are 20 more registrations available.
- Tim discussed for this meeting, only those that have been part of the Advisory Council approved in July, can make motions and vote. Everyone else needs to be approved by the Board of Directors in November. At the January meeting, the newer members will have full voting rights.
- Tim discussed the opening of the new Encore Café location at the Coralville Community Food Pantry. For the first month (October) 17 meals were served the first day and 41 meals were served two weeks later.
- Barb provided a brief overview of the relationship between Heritage and Iowa HHS and how funding from the Older American's Act is provided. There also was discussion and an update on the development of the potential new service map that would realign the AAA's with the map of other services like mental health. Discussion was held on the impact this would have on service delivery.

Kirkwood Community College Bond Issue Presentation
Eric Weller and Quinn Peffifer presented and lead discussion on the upcoming bond referendum on Tuesday, November 3rd.

Member Updates

Pat: Cedar Rapids Parks & Rec efforts in offering options for older adults is going well, and the efforts between the city and Connections is complimenting each other. There will be a Thanksgiving grill out on Thanksgiving at the Jones Clubhouse. Cost is $17.00 and reservations are needed by November 5th.

Jody: Have worked with Heritage for at least a year and a half and it is a great partnership. She expressed her thanks to the Heritage staff.

Open Agenda

Elinor discussed her hope that the redistricting map is only a recommendation for the legislature and that there will be no changes.

Kitty discussed a situation where an older adult had her POA changed by her caregiver and nothing is being done. Barb mentioned is Heritage has received any notice on this situation.

-Barb mentioned that she will send out updates on the redirecting as often as she can. This may include documents and talking points.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m. Motion by Karen Roe, second by Pat Meier.